

The invention claimed is:

1. A retractable support stand comprising:  
a yoke including a slidable support collar having an outer wall, the support collar including a plurality of inwardly projecting slots from the outer wall, an upper slidable retainer ring and an upper fit adapter;  
more than one support leg; and  
a lower assembly including a leg guide, a lower slidable retainer ring and lower fit adapter, wherein the leg guide includes a centrally located aperture and more than one leg aperture each adapted to receive a support leg therethrough.
2. The retractable support stand of claim 1, wherein the inwardly projecting slot of the slidable support collar further includes a hinge pin extending across each slot.
3. The retractable support stand of claim 1, wherein the upper fit adapter includes an outer wall in communication with the upper slidable retainer ring and includes an inner slidable wall.
4. The retractable support stand of claim 2, wherein the support legs comprise a first end including a recess, wherein the recess is snappably received onto the hinge pins within the inwardly projecting slots of the slidable support collar.
5. The retractable support stand of claim 4, wherein the support legs comprise a second end having an integrally molded foot.
6. The retractable support stand of claim 2, wherein the hinge pins each include a midway point.
7. The retractable support stand of claim 1, wherein the more than one leg aperture include a center point.

8. The retractable support stand of claim 7, wherein the total measurement between each of the center points of the leg apertures is greater than the total measurement between each of the midway points of the hinge pins.

9. An ambulatory aid comprising:

a shaft having an upper shaft including a human contact area and a lower shaft having a ground contact area; and a retractable support stand, the retractable support stand including;

a yoke including a slidable support collar having an outer wall, the support collar including a plurality of inwardly projecting slots from the outer wall, an upper slidable retainer ring and an upper fit adapter;

more than one support leg;

a lower assembly including a leg guide, a lower slidable retainer ring and a lower fit adapter, wherein the leg guide includes a centrally located aperture and more than one leg aperture having a center point wherein each leg aperture is adapted to receive a support leg therethrough.

10. The retractable support stand of claim 9, wherein the inwardly projecting slots of the slidable support collar further include a hinge pin extending across each slot.

11. The retractable support stand of claim 9, wherein the upper fit adapter includes an outer wall in communication with the upper slidable retainer ring and including an inner slidable wall.

12. The retractable support stand of claim 11, wherein the support legs comprise a first end including a recess, wherein the recess is snappably received to the hinge pins extending across each slot.

13. The retractable support stand of claim 12, wherein the support legs comprise an integrally molded foot end.

14. The retractable support stand of claim 9, wherein the leg guide rests upon the support legs and the slidable support collar and the leg guide exert a downward gravitational force on the support legs keeping the support legs in an extended position.

15. The retractable support stand of claim 10, wherein the hinge pins each include a midway point.

16. The retractable support stand of claim 15, wherein each of the more than one leg apertures include a center point.

17. The retractable support stand of claim 16, wherein the total measurement between each of the center points of the leg apertures is greater than the total measurement between each of the midway points of the hinge pins.

18. A method of supporting an ambulatory aid comprising the steps of:

providing an ambulatory aid having an upper shaft with a human contact portion, a lower shaft having a ground contact portion; and a retractable support stand, the retractable support stand including;

a yoke including a slidable support collar having an outer wall, an upper slidable retainer ring and an upper fit adapter, the support collar including a plurality of slots projecting inwardly from the outer wall, wherein each slot includes at least one hinge pin, each hinge pin having a midway point;

more than one support leg, wherein each support leg includes a first end having a recess which is snappably received onto a hinge pin of the slidable support collar and includes a second end having an integrally molded foot having a ground contact area;

a lower assembly including a leg guide having a lower slidable retainer ring and a lower fit adapter, wherein the leg guide includes a centrally located aperture and more than one leg aperture, each leg aperture having a center point, adapted to receive a supporting leg therein, wherein the total measurement between each of the center points of the leg apertures is greater than the total measurement between each of the midway points of each of the hinge pins;

sliding the slidable support collar toward the ground contact portion of the lower shaft so the integrally molded foot ends of the support legs extend at least beyond the ground contact area of the lower shaft; and

resting the ambulatory aid on the support legs.

19. The method of claim 18 further comprising an upper fit adapter including an outer wall in communication with the upper slidable retainer ring and including a second slidable inner wall.

20. The method of claim 18, wherein the leg guide rests upon the support legs and the slidable support collar and leg guide exert a downward gravitational force on the support legs keeping the support legs in an extended position.

21. The method of claim 18, wherein the ambulatory aid comprises a single tip cane.